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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/2 of 16 September 2002 on the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development,

Recalling also its resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s[1] and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development[2] and its resolution 58/233 of 23 December 2003, entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support",

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: second consolidated report on progress in implementation and international support",[3]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[3]

2. *Reaffirms* its full support for the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;[2]

3. *Recognizes* the progress made in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development as well as regional and international support for the New Partnership;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Resolution 46/151, annex.

[2] A/57/304, annex.

[3] A/59/206.

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I. Actions by African countries and organizations

4. *Welcomes* the efforts made by African countries in developing sectoral policy frameworks and implementing specific programmes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

5. *Welcomes also* the commitment of African countries to advance the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, including by establishing expenditure targets in sectoral priority areas of the New Partnership;

6. *Further welcomes* the approval by the New Partnership for Africa's Development Heads of State and Government Implementation Committee of priority infrastructural and capacity-building projects, to be implemented by the regional economic communities;

7. *Encourages* the further integration of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development into the programmes of the regional structures and organizations, as well as programmes for the African least developed countries;

8. *Appreciates* the continuous efforts of African countries in mainstreaming gender perspectives and empowerment of women in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and in this regard welcomes the declaration on gender equality in Africa adopted by the Third Summit of the African Union in Addis Ababa in July 2004;

9. *Welcomes* the significant progress that has been achieved in implementing the African Peer Review Mechanism, including through the establishment of a trust fund to support the activities of the Mechanism, to which participating countries will make financial contributions, and the launching of the support missions to several African countries;

10. *Emphasizes* that progress in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development depends also on an international environment favourable to Africa's growth and development;

II. Response of the international community

11. *Welcomes* the effort made by development partners to strengthen partnerships with the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

12. *Welcomes also* the financial support extended by many of the development partners to the various programmes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and in this regard notes with satisfaction that some developed countries have committed resources for the preparation facility for projects of the New Partnership and provided resources for institutional strengthening activities at the secretariat of the New Partnership and in some regional economic communities;

13. *Stresses* the need for development partners to align their financial and technical support for Africa more closely with the priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

14. *Takes note* of the extension of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative until 31 December 2006, and supports the call for a new framework for debt sustainability which will incorporate more explicitly the impact of debt

servicing on the financing requirements for achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

15. *Stresses* the need to take special measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development in Africa, including through debt cancellation, improved market access, enhanced official development assistance and increased flows of foreign direct investment, as well as transfer of technology;

16. *Urges* developed countries to increase official development assistance to African countries and to improve the effectiveness of aid;

17. *Reiterates* the need for the international community, in particular the developed countries, to enhance coherence in trade, aid and debt policy towards Africa and to provide significant financial outlays to help fund the key priorities of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

18. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Secretary-General's Advisory Panel on International Support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and looks forward to its recommendations on the actions to be taken by the international community to enhance support for the implementation of the New Partnership;

19. *Urges* the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women to give prominence to the New Partnership for Africa's Development in future priority themes;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the basis of inputs from Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other stakeholders in the New Partnership for Africa's Development, such as the private sector and civil society.